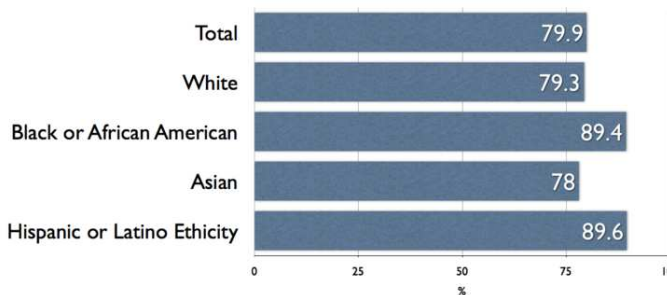


Group IV: Article 2 – Don't discriminate

Women's earnings as a percentage of men's, 2008



"Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."

Everyone has the right to be treated fairly and respectfully, but when you discriminate, you choose to treat someone differently based on a characteristic about them. If someone is treated badly or unfairly because of that characteristic, it's known as negative discrimination.

Common reasons that people are discriminated against include

- their sex or gender
- if they have any kind of disability
- their race
- their age

Discrimination is often linked with bullying and harassment (when someone behaves in a way that is intended to disturb or upset another person). It's actually against the law to be discriminated against in a lot of areas of public life – including in the workplace, education, accommodation, government services, and when accessing goods, services and facilities.

<http://au.reachout.com/what-is-discrimination>



- In a 4-year study of religious discrimination around the world (2006-2010), Christians were the most-discriminated against group, experiencing harassment by the government and society in 168 countries.
- Muslims make up the second largest religious population in the world and were discriminated against in 121 countries worldwide between 2006 and 2010.
- Studies show that police are much more likely to pull over and frisk blacks or Latinos than whites. In New York City, 80 percent of the stops made by the NYPD were blacks and Latinos, and 85 percent of those people were frisked, compared to a mere 8 percent of the white people stopped
- In 2012, 51 percent of Americans expressed anti-black sentiments in a poll; a 3 percent increase from 2008.

<http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/11-facts-about-religious-discrimination>

1. What is discrimination?
2. Where does discrimination occur?
3. Have you ever experienced discrimination yourself?
4. Have you ever discriminated against someone?
5. What can you do against discrimination?